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ACCRA FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: RSO TRAVEL TO BANGUI

REF: STATE 297844; STATE 298790

1. POST IS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED AS TO REASONING FOR SELECTION OF RSO HIPSON AS HIS REGIONAL AREA COVERS ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA, WHICH DUE TO NATURE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THESE AREAS, WOULD APPEAR TO BE QUITE SUFFICIENT.
2. POST WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT MR. HIPSON HAS SPENT AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME TRAVELLING SINCE HIS ARRIVAL HERE IN AUGUST WHICH HAS INTERFERED SOMEWHAT WITH THE OPERATION OF OUR SECURITY PROGRAM. WE HAD HOPED THAT AFTER HIS MOST RECENT TRIP TO ASMARA THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN ADDIS FOR AT LEAST A MONTH. WE TENTATIVELY EXPECT THAT HE WILL BE GONE FOR A LARGE PORTION OF JANUARY AND WOULD LIKE TO KEEP HIM HERE DURING DEC. SO HIS WORK DOES NOT FALL FURTHER BEHIND.
3. IN AS MUCH AS BANGUI IS LOCATED IN W. AFRICA, IT APPEARS THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE PRACTICAL TO ASSIGN THE SURVEY TASK TO AN RSO FROM CENTRAL OR WESTERN AFRICA.

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